



Natural Resources Education

A few resources for grants and funding

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This list is provided by the Information Branch of NRID and is intended only as a reference for people wanting to explore different ideas and issues pertaining to applying for grants and procuring funding. Important: Keep in mind you may have to work with your non-profit partner organizations and/or Cooperating Associations to be successful depending on philanthropic guidelines.



Bullitt Foundation: www.bullitt.org

The mission of The Bullitt Foundation is to protect, restore, and maintain the natural physical environment of the Pacific Northwest for present and future generations

Conservation Assistance Tools (CAT): <http://cat.sonoran.org/>

CAT provides free technical and funding information for organizations working on conservation projects across the United States.

Conservation Grants Center: www.conservationgrants.com/government.htm

Find government funding for conservation projects. There are links for grant opportunities for the environmental education (broadly), water/clean water, watershed, stream restoration, wildlife, fire prevention, habitat improvement, ecology, and more. Be flexible in your thinking when searching this site.

EE Link – A project of the North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE)
<http://eelink.umich.edu/grants-generalinformation.html>

Links from this page offer: 1) strategy and techniques to develop funding for EE programs, and 2) information on education-related grants that may be applicable to EE.

Environmental Research and Education: www.nsf.gov/geo/ere/ereweb/funding.cfm

The National Science Foundation (NSF) has supported activities associated with environmental research and education for decades, primarily through disciplinary programs. In recent years, program officers have recognized that many exciting research opportunities in this area cut across extant disciplines and have formed interdisciplinary and inter-organizational programs in response. Funding Opportunities are programs relevant to the Environmental Research & Education community that are supported by NSF.

Environment-Related Foundations:

www.cdsfunds.com/cgi-bin/cdsfunds.pl?search&category=Foundations

This list of web links is provided by Custom Development Solutions, Inc., a consulting firm located in South Carolina. When you go to this web site, scroll down and click on the link for “Environment-Related Foundations” for a lengthy list of resources!

Environmental Grantmaking Foundations: www.environmentalgrants.com

The best-selling guide to the most significant independent, community and company-sponsored foundations that fund environmental projects. These foundations give over \$600 million for environmental purposes annually. The ninth edition (2001) profiles 900 foundations that give environmental grants, including 215 members of the *Environmental Grantmakers Association*. Each profile gives you the data you need to target your most likely sources of support. Multiple indexes help you narrow your search to the grant-makers that fund your topics or your geographic focus. The directory is available in print and CD-ROM formats.

For Teachers and Youth Leaders: www.montana.edu/wwwp2er/p2teachersevents.html

Resource site with links to Funding and Grants. Also includes series of links relating to Workshops/Events and Youth Camps.

Geat Lakes Protection Fund: www.glpf.org/about/index.html

The Great Lakes Protection Fund is a permanent environmental endowment that supports collaborative actions to improve the health of the Great Lakes ecosystem. To date, the Fund had made 192 grants and program related investments representing more than \$40.6 million in regional projects to improve the health of the Great Lakes ecosystem. The Fund seeks projects that: Lead to tangible improvements in the health of the Great Lakes ecosystem, promote the interdependence of healthy ecological and economic systems, and are innovative, creative, and venturesome.

Jessie B. Cox Foundation: www.hembar.com/cox

Provides grants in New England in the fields of education, environment, health and the promotion of philanthropy. The Trust's environment grants work to protect and enhance the natural and urban environment, and to conserve New England's natural resources. The Trust is interested in supporting environmental projects which will have a positive impact on the protection of critical natural resources; energy conservation; public awareness of the critical environmental issues facing the region; and protection of the public's health, especially in low-income or minority communities.

National Geographic Society Education Foundation:

www.nationalgeographic.com/education/teacher_community/get_grant.html

The mission of the National Geographic Society's Education Foundation is to prepare children to embrace a diverse world, succeed in a global economy, and steward the planet's resources.

National Park Foundation: www.nationalparks.org/AboutUs/AboutUs-MakeGrants.shtml

The National Park Foundation (NPF) makes grants both directly to National Parks as well as through National Park partners. Most funding currently available through the NPF is "restricted", meaning that the donor has directed the Foundation to spend it for a specific purpose or program. In some cases these restricted grants are for one specific project. Currently NPF does not have unrestricted funds available. When the NPF has funding available for restricted grant making, they issue a Request For Proposals (RFP) to all National Parks, units and program offices of the National Park Service. An RFP specifies the type of grant available, as well as the amount, purpose and requirements of the grant. All Parks and their partners are invited to fill out a proposal to compete for funding.

Parks as Classrooms (PAC): www.nps.gov/learn/grschoolzone/grpac/grpac.htm

PAC resources include: curriculum-based education programs , audio-visual materials including videos, accredited teacher training and workshops, traveling trunks and kits, teacher and student resource guides. National Park Service personnel work directly with educators to provide learning materials and experiences that are consistent with and accentuate existing curriculum requirements. While these resources are a result of a partnership between national park sites and neighboring school districts, the final products often have wider applications and provide a connection to national curriculum standards. Contact your regional office for more information.

Wilburforce Foundation: www.wilburforce.org

Supports organizations that work to protect habitats that are critically important to sustaining abundant ecological communities in the Western United States (and Western Canada). Their primary goal is to protect the last remaining pristine places, with priority on core habitat areas and connective corridors that have the greatest ecological significance. They also invest in the capacity building efforts to leave a legacy of healthy organizations that promote wildlands preservation so they can effectively and efficiently respond to challenges and opportunities.

Have ideas for web site to add? Please send link of interest for review to:

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